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City Finally Ready to Proceed On New Public Works Building

by Virginia Beauchamp

A groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, October 18 at 9 a.m. will mark the official beginning of work on construction and renovation of the city's Public Works facility. This long-awaited occasion came closer to reality by action of the Greenbelt City Council at their regular meeting on Monday, October 8.

On a motion by Konrad Herling, council passed a resolution to negotiate general contracting services with Gardiner & Gardiner, Inc. The Crofton firm – one of four to bid on the project – has agreed to carry it out at a cost not to exceed \$4.2 million, with an additional \$100,000 budgeted for contingencies.

During the past six weeks the city staff, the project designers and Gardiner & Gardiner have been meeting to review the project's cost, which has increased significantly since its original conception, primarily because of an increase in the cost of steel. As originally designed, the construction would cost almost \$5 million.

Thus the city staff recommends a number of changes to

lower the cost. The most significant is elimination of what is called Building #3. Designed as an addition to the existing large storage building, it was planned primarily to provide an indoor carpentry area. Elimination of this building would save about \$300,000.

Use of city staff for two portions of the work would save about \$68,000 – installation of sediment and erosion control (\$43,000) and relocating a radio antenna (\$25,000). Deleting a signage plan would save another \$46,000.

Other savings would come about through use of less expensive materials. For example, recycled asphalt (street millings) would replace new asphalt, at a savings of about \$100,000. This change is also considered “a green element.”

Similarly, concrete would replace eco-pavers for the rear yard walkway, saving \$19,000 but losing “a green element” and a generic brand would be chosen for the support piers for the office building, saving another \$35,000. A vehicle wash system would be changed, saving \$90,000 but add-

ing “a green element.”

According to a memo by City Manager Michael McLaughlin, “These changes save over \$650,000.” An itemized list of other savings not specified in the memo brings the total amount to almost \$1 million.

Funding Sources

Already available in a bond fund set aside for the project is \$2,500,000. An additional \$200,000 became available in the General Fund when revenue exceeded estimates.

On the other hand, McLaughlin suggests council might look at transferring funds set aside for the theatre project (\$500,000) and a reduced cost for the Attick Park restroom (\$35,000). \$93,000 is also available in the Building Capital Reserve.

With other fund transfers, McLaughlin was potentially able to locate some \$3,703,000 – clearly far below the cost estimate. “Therefore,” he suggested, “another approach would be to take out short-term financing on an additional sum of money, probably in the area of \$1 million to close the gap.”

Candidates Suggest Ideas To Involve SHL Residents

We posed four questions to the seven candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 6. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to the second question:

Greenbelt West residents are not represented on the city council and not well represented on the city's boards and committees. Should something be done about this?

Leta Mach



Greenbelt West residents ARE represented on City Council. Council is composed of five Greenbelt residents elected at large to represent the entire city. And, that is what we do.

While it is true that current Council members come from different areas of the city – center Greenbelt and Greenbelt East, we were elected to serve all Greenbelt, not a particular district. I believe my role is to represent all Greenbelt. I also feel I represent residents of apartments, cooperatives, condominiums and single family homes alike. We are ONE Greenbelt and

See **QUESTION 2**, page 14

Council Candidates Field Community's Questions

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), held a Candidates Night at the Greenbriar Community Center on Thursday, October 4. All seven candidates for council participated. With crime as an issue being significant in the discussions, it was perhaps fitting that the event ended with candidates and audience serenading crime watch pioneer Dorothy Pyles, who turned 90 that day, with a round of “Happy Birthday.”

The event began with each candidate giving an opening statement. Konrad Herling, a two-term incumbent, stressed the importance of having an inclusive community. He said that his theme was “One Greenbelt,” not Greenbelt East, old Greenbelt and Greenbelt West. One of the founders of the Greenbelt Arts Center, he has recently helped

establish the International Cultural Festival. Councilmembers, he said, need to be constantly on the lookout for good ideas and be good listeners including to those who disagree with their own positions.

Challenger Kelly Ivy, who ran for council two years ago, said that he had done a lot in the community, much of it in the area of youth sports. He declared it scary to find that he is now coaching the kids of kids he had coached. He has also been a member of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and this year joined the Labor Day Festival Committee. He said he has a few good ideas and a few new ideas. He proposed that once a month council go out to the community.

See **NIGHT**, page 6

For more recollections of last weekend's charrette, see page 16

Ruth Kastner Seeks Election To Greenbelt City Council

Ruth Kastner, long time resident, is running for one of the five seats on the Greenbelt City Council on Tuesday, November 6. She and Kelly Ivy, whose biography will appear next week in this spot, are this year's challengers. All five incumbents – Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling and Judith Davis – are seeking re-election to the council. Their biographies have already appeared here.

Biography

Ruth Kastner has lived in Greenbelt since the age of four. As co-chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, together with Paul Downs, she led a petition drive in 1987 to acquire key portions of the last remaining woodlands for which Greenbelt was named.

Kastner is currently serving as president of the Boxwood Civic Association and recently served on the Forest Preserve Task Force, working with a diverse group of citizens to draft Management and Maintenance Guidelines for Greenbelt's new forest preserve. Before deciding to run for city council this year, she reapplied to be a member of the permanent Forest Preserve Advisory Board. She has written commentary and letters on envi-



Ruth Kastner

ronmental, social and civic issues in local and national newspapers and volunteered as a reporter and proofreader for the News Review in the 1980s.

As a supporting member of True Vote Maryland, she attended public hearings of the state legislature to express concerns about the unreliability and unverifiability of electronic voting and to lobby for a voter-verified paper trail. She raised similar concerns with the Greenbelt city council.

She is a Wilderness Guardian member of the Sierra Club and a supporting member of the Natural Resources Defense

Council, Rainforest Action Network and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

She also has an active interest in education, as a professional and volunteer mathematics tutor and as an associate adjunct professor in philosophy and humanities at University of Maryland University College. She owns a small educational consulting business, Enquire-Arts, Inc., which is in the process of converting to nonprofit status. She currently serves as Letters Editor of “Philosophical Practice,” the journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA). She also holds APPA certifications in philosophical counseling and organizational consulting.

Her hobbies include hiking, martial arts, playing piano and singing in the Maryland Chorus, the community ensemble of the University of Maryland.

Kastner lives on Hedgewood Drive with her husband, Chuck Hagelgans, and their daughter Wendy. Younger daughter Janet was recently married and now lives in Silver Spring. Her parents, Sid (deceased) and Bernice Kastner, were longtime News Review staff members.

(Biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

What Goes On

Saturday, October 13

8 a.m. to noon, Free Shredding, Municipal Parking Lot Behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway

9 to 11 a.m., “Buddy” Attick Lake Park Clean Up

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Between Municipal Building and Community Center

Sunday, October 14

3 p.m., Screening of “The City” at Clarice Smith Center, U. of Md., Followed by Trip to Greenbelt, Reception at Community Center and Panel Discussion

Monday, October 15

8 p.m., City Council Worksession – City Manager Quarterly Update, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, October 17

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, October 18

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

The Question Is ...

In response to James Giese’s article, “Kelly Ivy Declines Joining Candidate Sign Agreement” on Thursday, October 4, 2007, I’d appreciate the opportunity to reply.

I decided not to go with the candidates’ sign agreement for two reasons. First, let’s have a free and open election for incumbents and challengers. Neither the Board of Elections nor the City of Greenbelt has a ban on signs – political or otherwise.

Beyond that, let’s be factual and consistent. If the mayor is worried about the environmental impact of political signs, she might like to know that my signs are made from recycled plastic with reusable metal posts, which I intend to collect and use again in two years. Ms. Davis’ policy has allocated 15 designated areas for signs to be mounted using three wooden posts at each site. In my calculation, 45 trees may have been cut down (and pressure treated – something environmentalists avoid) to use for the signposts.

The question is which is the bigger “waste of paper and wood” and “not good for the environment” – my signs or the mayor’s?

Kelly Ivy
Candidate

Editor's Note: Although the letter seems to single out the mayor, the original sign agreement, which is a private agreement among the candidates, pre-dates her run for office.

A View Inside

As one of the GHI members, I attended the charrette Friday night, Saturday and Sunday afternoon. On Saturday I was surprised to hear a speaker refer to GHI homes as “crumbling.”

When this session on Saturday morning was over, some other members and I asked one of the speakers from the charrette group if any had seen inside our houses. We were told that no one had been in any of our houses except for a visit to the museum.

At lunch time several architects accepted our invitation and went with several owners to come into our homes and see how the owners used the living space inside and out.

Jean Snyder

Film Showing, Town Tour Recreate Thirties Mood

On Sunday, October 14 a special showing will be held of “The City,” the classic American documentary film, with full orchestral accompaniment by the Post-Classical Ensemble performing Aaron Copland’s first movie score. The performance will take place at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park at 3 p.m.

Following the movie attendees may take a trip to Greenbelt, where much of the film was shot, for a reception and panel discussion.

“The City,” created for the 1939 World’s Fair with script by Lewis Mumford, makes a vivid argument for the international Garden City movement. The music composed for the film is the first and most remarkable of Aaron Copland’s eight film scores. Mark Swed of the Los Angeles Times calls it “an astonishing missing link not only in the genesis of Copland’s Americana style but in American music and cinema.”

This showing marks the first opportunity on the East Coast to hear the full score in live performance. Legendary documentary filmmaker George Stoney, University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation faculty member Isabelle Gournay and music historian Joseph Horowitz will provide context and connections to the film, to Copland’s style and to “The City’s Utopian Ideal: Historic Greenbelt, Maryland.”

The orchestral accompaniment will be performed by Post-Classical Ensemble. This Washington, D.C.-based group performs music in the context of its cultural heritage, including folk song, dance, film and contemporary popular music, to serve existing audiences seeking deeper engagement and to cultivate broader and younger audiences.

The post-show field trip to Old Greenbelt offers a walking tour of the Art Deco town center and the Community Center, museum tours, a reception in the Community Center Art Gallery from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. and a panel discussion entitled “Old Greenbelt: Living Up to the Propaganda” at 5:15 p.m. Featured panel speakers include University of Maryland architecture faculty members Jim Cohen and Isabelle Gournay, Greenbelt Museum Curator Jill St. John, Greenbelt Councilmember Konrad Herling and others.

There is a fee for the performance. For tickets call 301-405-ARTS or visit www.claricesmith-center.umd.edu. Tickets include round trip bus transportation to Old Greenbelt’s Community Center and reservations for the reception, tour and panel discussion. For reception activities only there is no fee but reservations are strongly suggested, as space is limited. To reserve contact Lynnie Raybuck at lraybuck@umd.edu or call 301-405-5974.

Newsworthy Items

To be assured that news reaches the News Review, written notices may be brought to Suite 100 in the Community Center and dropped through the mail slot or emailed to the paper at newsreview@greenbelt.com.

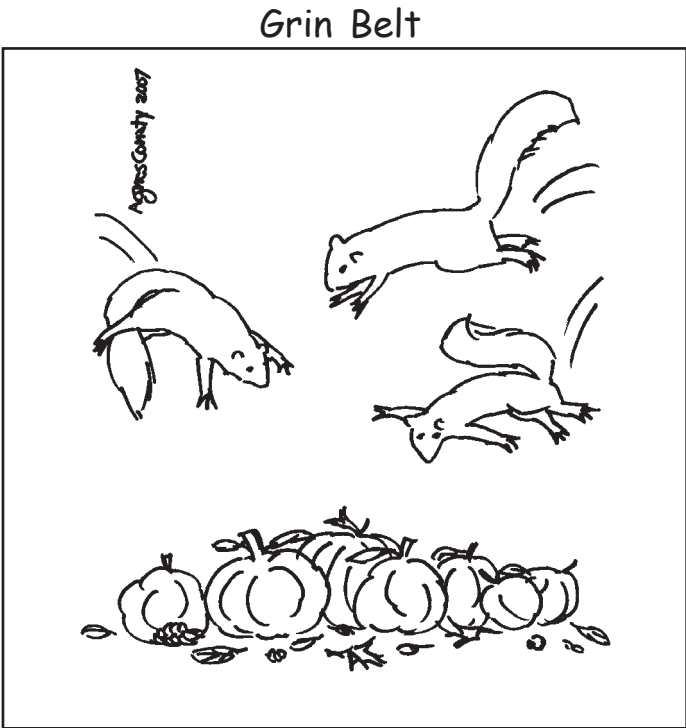
We failed to put the Solar Homes Tour announcement in last week’s paper because the article was brought to someone’s home and then misplaced, never making it in to the office.

Omission

In last week’s obituary for Werner Steinle an editing error cut off the final paragraph. Our apologies. The missing material is reprinted here:

Werner Steinle is survived by two children, Susan Mannina of Rockville, Md., and Mark Steinle of Roanoke; a grandson, Christopher Mannina; and a niece and five nephews, as well as by his sister Louise Winker and her husband Arthur of Umattilla, Fla. His younger brother, Walter, died in 1994.

A memorial service was held in Roanoke on September 21.



"Wow! These are the biggest orange acorns we've ever seen."

On Screen The Golden Age of Empire

Nine years after “Elizabeth,” Bollywood director Shekhar Kapur returns with “Elizabeth: The Golden Age.” The first film covered the early years of the reign of Elizabeth I, when the young queen was learning how to rule an empire. In this sequel, Elizabeth must defend her Protestant empire from Catholic Spain.

Cate Blanchett and Geoffrey Rush reprise their roles as the queen and her spymaster. Clive Owen joins them to portray Sir Walter Raleigh. The first film was nominated for seven Academy awards and this movie promises to deliver the same level of thrilling historical drama. Rated PG-13, runtime is 114 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, OCTOBER 18, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- EZ Pay Drawing
- Proposed Modification of G/S Window, 54 B Ridge Road
- Proposed 2008 Budget – 1st Presentation
- 2007 Fall Concrete Contract – 2nd Reading
- Bids for Van Purchase – 1st Reading
- Contract for Sewer Repairs at 37X Ridge
- Harassment Policy
- Review of Strategic Plan

Regular Board Meetings are Open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF OCT 12

Elizabeth: The Golden Age

(PG-13)

(No coupons or passes accepted Fri. - Sat.)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:
Tuesday, October 16, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.
Wednesday, October 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.
Thursday, October 18, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Adults
Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., Book Discussion, John Grogan’s “Marley and Me.”

Free Films Saturday At Greenbelt Library

Historic films and animation will be screened at the free film program at the Greenbelt Library this Saturday, October 13. The program is presented by the Utopia Film Festival 2007, in collaboration with the Prince George’s Memorial Public Library System and the GAVA/GATE Animation Program.
See ad on page 7.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.
Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 20 include:
Monday – Chicken noodle soup with crackers, beef patty with mushroom gravy, seasoned corn, brussels sprouts, fresh apple.
Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, garden salad with Italian dressing, vanilla ice cream.
Wednesday – Navy bean soup with crackers, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, Mandarin oranges.
Thursday – Orange-pineapple juice, baked pork chops with gravy, candied sweet potatoes, baby green peas, stewed apples.
Friday – Cranapple juice, vegetable lasagna, field greens salad with cucumbers/onions/chick peas/tomatoes and Italian dressing, banana pudding.

GHI Notes

Saturday, October 13, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Fall Migratory Bird Walk, Northway Fields
Sunday, October 14, 12:30 to 4 p.m., Community-wide Open House, Roosevelt Center
Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, October 21, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Landscaping for Wildlife Workshop
All events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Wildlife Workshop At GHI October 21

The GHI Woodlands Committee will sponsor a Landscaping for Wildlife Workshop to be held at GHI in the Board Room on Sunday, October 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
Presented by National Park Service Ranger and GHI Woodlands Committee Naturalist Kate Bucco, the hands-on workshop will cover attracting desirable wildlife to one’s yard. Topics will include what people can do to help birds thrive through the winter months, planning wildlife plantings for the spring and summer and watering without encouraging mosquitoes.
Participants are urged to bring a simple sketch of their yard to pick up some tips for improving the yard for wildlife.

Utopia Film Festival Seeking Volunteers

The Utopia Film Festival will be held in Greenbelt on Saturday and Sunday, October 27 and 28. The Utopia Film Festival Committee needs volunteers to help in the weeks leading up to the festival and at the festival itself. Volunteers are needed as ushers and ticket sellers, drivers to transport visiting filmmakers from Metro and/or their hotels to film venues, publicity assistants to help get the word out by distributing fliers and postcards and sponsorship experts to help get cash and in-kind donations for the festival.
Those interested are asked to email volunteers@utopiafilmfestival.org or call 301-474-1979 to leave their name, email address, phone number, dates and times available and the kind of help offered. In exchange for volunteering at least four hours to the festival, volunteers will receive a pass to attend screenings at times when they are not working.

Explorations Visits Operatic Mad Scenes

One of the most exciting and exhilarating experiences in opera is to sit through a mad scene in which the protagonists describe, often in excruciating detail, what is bothering them. Not all the madness leads to death. For some it is only a temporary state out of which they are shocked by some event.
On Friday, October 19 John Cahill will return to Explorations to show mad scenes from eight operas, two in French, three in Italian, two in German and one in Russian. The composers include Vincenzo Bellini, Alban Berg, Gaetano Donizetti, Modest Mussorgsky, Richard Strauss, Ambroise Thomas and Giuseppe Verdi.
Cahill has both B.A. and M.A. degrees and has taught a variety of courses in Adult Continuing Education programs in several county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland including the SAGE program for Prince George’s Community College. Some of the courses he has taught include ancient and Biblical Greek, classical and ecclesiastical Latin, classical mythology in the arts, Latin and Greek etymology, ancient Greek civilization and a variety of opera classes.
Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Canine Training Benefits GVFD&RS

To benefit the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS), AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, October 20 from noon to 3 p.m. The event is open to all dogs with proof of rabies shots; mixed breeds are welcome. Pet owner photos will be available and also a microchip clinic for dogs and cats.
The Fire Department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee. For further information call 301-345-6999.

“Great Warming” Is Monday Café Film

The film “The Great Warming” will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, October 15 at 7 p.m. This is part of a monthly film series exploring vital environmental and social issues. It is sponsored by several Greenbelt organizations which are interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. A vegan buffet meal will be available for purchase starting at 6:30 p.m.
Narrated by Alanis Morissette and Keanu Reeves, “The Great Warming” is a dramatic film about climate change that sweeps around the world to reveal how a changing climate is affecting the lives of people everywhere. The film narrates several examples of innovative responses to global warming and its expected consequences. It includes comments from scientists and opinion-makers about America’s lack of leadership in one of the most critical environmental issues of the 21st century. For more info email sr.kane@verizon.net.

Girls Soccer Team Beats Clinton Sat.

by Coach John Pedersoli
The Greenbelt U10 girls soccer team celebrated its first win of the season with a 3 to 2 victory over Clinton on Saturday, October 6. Madison Maragliano scored twice and Jasmine Goggins added another to seal the win.
Helping on offense were Teresa Smith, Sofia Noronha, Alexandra Sherman, Sarah McCarthy, Emma Grier and Sophie Bernheisel. Jasmine Goggins and Teresa Smith shared goalie duties and along with a stiff defense by Barbara Turnbull, Annina Commins and Kristen Beauchamp kept a determined Clinton team from tying the score as they pressed the attack for the last five minutes after Jasmine had put Greenbelt ahead.
The next game is Saturday, October 13 versus a strong South Bowie team.

Ask Expert to Cover Reverse Mortgages

The next “Ask the Expert” cable show is on “Reverse Mortgages – What You Need To Know” and will be filmed on Wednesday, October 17 from 11 a.m. to noon on the second floor of the Municipal Building. The public is welcome to attend.

For more
community events
see page 7.

Boxwood Community
YARD SALE
Saturday, October 20
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Playground on Lastner Lane, between Crescent Road and Ivy Lane.

Academy Stadium Theatres
Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
All shows starting before 5 p.m.
Are **ONLY** \$5.50
Children, Seniors \$5.50
Adults \$7.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket
Week of October 12
FRI. – SAT.
Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:35, 5:30, 8, 10:10
Kingdom, R (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
Game Plan, PG (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 1:10, 3:30, 4, 6:15, 6:45, 9:15, 10
The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)
1, 4, 6:45, 9:30
Seeker: The Dark is Rising, PG (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45
Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:20, 9:45

SUN.
Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:35, 5:30, 8
Kingdom, R (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Game Plan, PG (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 1:10, 3:30, 4, 6:15, 6:45
The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)
1, 4, 6:45
Seeker: The Dark is Rising, PG (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20
Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:20

MON. - THUR.
Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)
1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9
Kingdom, R (!)
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9
Game Plan, PG (!)
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9
Tyler Perry’s: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
1, 1:20, 3:40, 4, 6:20, 6:45, 8:50, 9:20
The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)
1, 3:40, 6:15, 8:50
Seeker: The Dark is Rising, PG (!)
1:20, 4, 7, 9:15
Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)
1:20, 4, 7, 9:15

Greenbriar Community

YARD SALE

Saturday, October 13 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Rain or Shine)

20 Vendors, Hot Dog Stand
and other light refreshments

7600 Hanover Parkway 301-441-1096

St. Hugh’s Church Presents

3rd Annual

Oktoberfest

October 20, 2007 – 6 p.m. Until ?

Join Us For Authentic Food, Drink And Fun

GERMAN STYLE!

* Free Admission *

50/50 Raffle

Dessert Table

Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundae!

Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut

Pork Roast, Wurst,

Fresh Pretzels,

Kölsch Beer, Soda and More!

(à la carte)

Musik By

World Famous

PHIL VENTURA

St. Hugh’s Church

135 Crescent Road

Greenbelt, Maryland

EVERYONE WELCOME!

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!

SEE YOU THERE!

Obituaries

Barbara S. Tanen

Barbara S. Tanen spent a decade volunteering in Greenbelt before moving to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she died, at 73, on October 3, 2007.



In Friends of the Greenbelt Library, she ran the used bookstore and book sales. A member of the New Deal Café, she ran rummage sales and washed dishes after meals.

A lover of all arts, Barbara helped with the after-school children's art program and took a tile-making class.

She was on various Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) committees (Architecture her favorite). She also ran sales for the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club, worked on the GHI House and Garden Tour and had her own 13 Court Ridge Road house with the new sunroom and front and back gardens on the tour.

A strong concern for Greenbelt led her to organize a meeting featuring a policeman's talk on crime prevention and had friends leaflet the entire GHI area; she helped organize a meeting in Roosevelt Center, with youth gathering there, to foster connections with the community.

A member of Mishkan Torah Synagogue, she took adult Jewish education classes. This reflected the experiences she and husband Irwin (who died in Greenbelt in 1992) had living in Israel for four years; they were docents at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem and lobbied for translations of museum maps in a greater variety of languages.

Before moving to Israel, they lived for 20 years in Westport, Conn., where she started a senior citizen craft group which evolved into a senior center she directed.

As president of the Westport Friends of Wilcox Children, she coordinated craft sales, luncheons and clothing drives for a community in Wilcox, Ala., and rode down in the truck for regular deliveries. She also sponsored a young Wilcox woman to come to

Barnard College in New York to get a medical degree.

Barbara and Irwin edited the Hadassah Newsletter in Westport and Jerusalem and she was full-time secretary to the executive director of the United Jewish Appeal of three Connecticut cities. When they had time, they went sailing.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Barbara and Irwin raised four children, all college graduates: Steve (Marge) of Pa., who has five children; Joe (Nancy) of New York City, who is a violin-maker; arts-teacher Jessica (Mark) Gitlis of Greenway Place, whose children are Noah and Zohar; and Andrew (Victoria) who live with two children in Cincinnati. She also is survived by a sister Arlene (Allen) Katz of Syracuse, N.Y.

A graveside service was held at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Adelphi, where she was buried next to Irwin. Friends may contribute in her name to the Hospice of Cincinnati, 4310 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, OH 45242 or the Jewish National Fund, JNF National Headquarters, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021.

Tasat, New Klezmer Concert Was a Success

by Jordan Choper

The New Klezmer Quintet with Ramon Tasat concert at Mishkan Torah was an interesting success between two different types of performers who normally play in different musical traditions. Tasat is a tenor singer who plays an auditory guitar and plays mainly in a Sephardic tradition, utilizing Ladino and Hebrew languages. The New Klezmer Quintet as a band plays in a variety of styles, i.e., mainly Ashkenazic klezmer utilizing Hebrew, English and Yiddish, Israeli folk and jazz. What made this concert so interesting, besides the quality of their playing and singing, is their ability to improvise in all of the various modes that were utilized.

The concert was played to a full house, which in itself was a phenomenon, since the audience came mainly from outside of Greenbelt in response to a short publicity campaign. The audience was composed mainly of adults and a few children, most of whom were familiar with at least some of the melodies performed. Tasat sang with the band's harmonious support, in Hebrew and in Ladino, reflect-

ing his Argentinian and Israeli background. On the other hand, Tasat supported the band with guitar accompaniment as they showcased their abilities with freilichts, djocks, czardas and jazz pieces in which each member of the band had separate solos.

The performers were very relaxed and they deviated from the

published program as the mood on stage and the reaction of the audience drove them. Everybody seemed to have a good time.

This concert was a prelude to three other concerts to be held at the Strathmore Music Center on December 15 and 16. Those concerts are already sold out.

– Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass



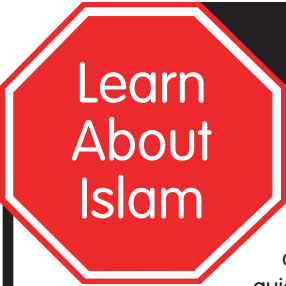
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Learn About Islam

Ramadan Fast Explained

Muslims are observing the lunar month of Ramadan (mid-Sept. to mid-Oct.) by fasting. This is explained by God as a blessing in the following verse, "Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Qur'an, as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who witnesses this month, should spend it in fasting, but if anyone is ill or on a journey, (then they may not fast and) the prescribed period (should be made up) by days later. God intends ease for you; He does not intend hardship for you. (He wants you) to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him, in that He has guided you; and perchance you shall be grateful."
–The Holy Qur'an, 2:185
To learn more about Ramadan and Islam in general, please email us at info@searchislam.org or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.searchislam.org.



Our sympathy to Jessica and Mark Gitlis, Noah and Zohar on the death of their mother and grandmother, former Greenbelt Barbara Tanen who died on October 3, 2007, in Cincinnati and was buried in Adelphi on Sunday.

Our condolences to Barry and News Review staffer Mary Moien, Allen and ERHS guidance counselor Judi Moien and Suzanne Defibaugh on the loss of their sister and aunt, Vilma Moien of College Park, who died on September 29, 2007. Vilma and husband Joel Moien formerly lived in Greenbelt for several years.

Congratulations to University Professor Rita Simon, daughter of Greenbelt poet and News Review staffer Marjorie Gray. Simon is co-author of “Raising Transracial Adoptees” and will hold a book discussion and signing at Adoptions Together in Silver Spring on Saturday, October 27 at 4 p.m.

A very warm “Welcome Back!” to Co-op stalwart Dave Lynch, who resumed his post greeting and helping shoppers last week on returning from seven months of complicated shoulder repair including surgery and therapy.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

City Notes

Parks crew transported a wagon and bales of straw for the hayrides at Fall Fest and prepared for the installation of the new playground at South Ora Court by removing all old equipment, park benches, trash cans and old wood chips.

A facilities maintenance crew came in after hours to inspect street lights and report outages to Pepco.

Angela Mason was the Explorations Unlimited speaker on October 5, discussing “Laughter Yoga.” Mason is a holistic health counselor and a certified Laughter Yoga instructor. She may be teaching a SAGE program class in the spring.

CARES

Liz Park, as president of Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus (MAYSB), met with Donald Devore, secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), on September 26. MAYSB representatives presented Devore with an overview of services provided by YSBs across the state and spoke with him about possible collaborations between YSBs and DJS.

There is an URGENT need to GIVE BLOOD, 1-800-GIVE LIFE



City Information

Meetings for October 15-19

Monday, October 15, 8pm, City Council Work Session-City Manager Quarterly Update at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, October 17, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board at Greenbelt Community Center Room 114. Agenda: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Review of Site Plan for Old Line Bank, Capital Office Park, IV. Public Safety Discussion, V. Adjourn. Info 301-345-5417

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 24, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 3, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on November 13, 2007, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2007-3

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 4, Titled “Creation; Qualifications; Compensation,” to Provide That The Mayor Shall Receive a Salary of \$12,000 per Annum and That the Other Members of the City Council Shall Each Receive a Salary of \$10,000 per Annum: The compensation to be paid to the members of the City Council is specified in Section 4 of the City Charter. Although Council compensation used to be increased approximately every four years, it has now been almost 18 years since the Charter was amended to provide for an increase. The resolution will raise the salary paid to the Mayor from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and the salary paid to each of the other members of Council from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This change will be effective with the incoming City Council to be elected on November 6.

For additional information, contact Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

City of Greenbelt, Maryland
November 6, 2007
Specimen Ballot

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL (VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 5)	
KONRAD E. HERLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
KELLY P. IVY, SR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
RUTH E. KASTNER	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDWARD V. J. PUTENS	<input type="checkbox"/>
RODNEY M. ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETA M. MACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUDITH F. DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN (Up to 5 allowed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precinct 3 Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Precinct 6 Police Department, 550 Crescent Road
Precinct 8 Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6111 Cherrywood Lane
Precinct 13 Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway

For more information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under “Boards and Committees.”

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Employee Relations Board
Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

SHRED-IT
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
8a.m. – 12p.m.
Bring your personal papers to the Shred-It truck located in the Municipal Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway, to have them shredded FREE.
No business or commercial material will be accepted!
Shredding your personal papers is one of the best ways to protect yourself against identity theft.
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LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Saturday, October 13th from 9am – 11am
Join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.
• Bring your work gloves.
• Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots or old shoes.
Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!
For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

Clarice Smith Center at the University of Maryland presents a screening of
THE CITY
w/live accompaniment by the Post-Classical Ensemble
Sunday, October 14th at 3pm
Dekelboun Concert Hall-Clarice Smith Center
For tickets call 301-405 ARTS or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu. Field trip to Greenbelt afterwards with a walking tour, reception at the Community Center Art Gallery from 4:30 and a panel discussion entitled “Old Greenbelt: Living Up to the Propaganda” at 5:15pm.

MONSTER MASH TEEN DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7:00 PM—10:00 PM
At the Greenbelt Youth Center
For Those In 7th to 10th Grade.
Tickets are \$10 in Advanced
\$15 at the Door.

Come Dressed in your favorite costume! The party will include a DJ, Games, Prizes, Pizza, Drinks, and MORE!
Greenbelt Recreation Staff and a Greenbelt Police Officer will chaperone. Call 301-397-2200 to purchase your tickets by phone or in person at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, October 15 at 8pm: City Council Work Session “live” Tuesday & Thursday, October 16 & 18: 4pm “Candidates Forum-Sponsored by Environmental Group, 6pm “Ask the Expert-Wills” 6:30pm “Candidates Forum Sponsored by GEAC” 8:30 “Replay of Council Work Session”
PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 17 & 19: Call for Schedule.

CANDIDATES NIGHT continued

Mayor Judith Davis, who has served seven terms, proclaimed herself fortunate to have moved to Greenbelt to be closer to her job many years ago. She noted that “if you are willing to volunteer, Greenbelters love to have you around.” Her priorities, she said, are keeping the city safe, well maintained and well managed.

Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts, who grew up in Greenbelt, noted that he has been active in Greenbelt for 20 years, including being part of the citizens group that lobbied council to protect the city’s woodlands. He was active in that effort for 18 years, he said, until the city established a forest preserve. This effort and his four-year fight for police bicycle patrols, he said, show that he has the stamina to stick to the task until he gets the job done.

Incumbent Edward Putens said he is running for council “because I care.” He cares about where the city is, where it’s going and how to maintain its legacy. Council’s task over the next two years, to maintain services in the face of a flat budget, will be difficult and require experience and dedication.

Incumbent Leta Mach came to Greenbelt 33 years ago because of the city’s affordable housing. She has a long history of involvement, including serving as the treasurer of the Greenbelt Nursery School. She has been a big proponent of the cooperative model and worked for the National Cooperative Business Association.

Challenger Ruth Kastner acknowledged her history as a gadfly but said that she is respectful even when she disagrees with someone. She has lived in Greenbelt most of her life, having moved here when she was four years old. She has been active in the community for 18 years, including serving as co-chair of the Committee to save the Green Belt.

After the opening statements, the candidates addressed three questions posed by GEAC, which Moderator Derrick Thompson passed out just before the event began.

Public Safety

Question 1: “The Spellman Overpass issue is part of a larger issue. What is your opinion of the public safety elements in Greenbelt?”

Putens said the city must decide if it has enough police officers and whether the citizens are willing to pay for more police. He argued for rehiring retired police officers to be assigned to crime hot spots and for installing surveillance cameras throughout the city.

Mach said she hears people saying that they moved to Greenbelt due to its safety. To keep crime under control, the city needs more “eyes on the street,” and she is pleased to see new neighborhood watches being formed. Mach supported the idea of public safety design, such as that suggested for Springhill Lake, which looks for ways to make an area safer during its design.

Davis said that the top issue she hears while door knocking is public safety and listed several initiatives undertaken during her tenure. The city is seeking authorization for speed cameras in the state legislature. The city is also currently seeking a location

for a new firehouse to provide faster response times. “Can we do more?” she asked, “Yes, we can.”

Roberts, while agreeing with other candidates’ praise for the city police department, expressed concern about how officers are deployed. In 16 years the force has grown from 42 officers to 56. However, only three might be on the street at night. He wants to look at ways to increase the number of officers on the beat, on bike patrols and doing true community policing.

Herling noted the presence of Dorothy Pyles, “who got the whole idea of neighborhood watches going.” At Roosevelt Center he said that police presence, not cameras, has made the difference. Like Roberts, he questioned officers’ deployment, saying he would like to see the city’s 12 bike patrol officers out on their bikes more often. He also called for the Advisory Planning Board to look at ideas for a town square in Greenbelt East. To combat crime, he said, the city needs more active neighborhood watches and should consider installing a remote-controlled gate at the overpass.

Ivy said that Greenbelt is pretty safe other than some hot spots the city must address. The approval of collective bargaining for city officers showed the citizens’ support for the police and has helped Greenbelt hire officers away from other departments. He supported more cameras, calling them “cheap cop[s].”

New Deal Café

Question 2 was: “The New Deal Café is in financial and management trouble. How do you feel about this organization and its future?”

All of the candidates said they liked the New Deal and hope it survives.

Ivy said the New Deal needs to find ways to generate funds, work on its management team and attract a larger audience. They need to be realistic and get more creative.

Putens said the city needs to find ways to help or the Center will be empty. He urged citizens to patronize the Café.

Roberts said the Center has never been so alive as it has since the New Deal moved in. He, like many others in town, invested his own time and money when it moved to the Center. If the community volunteers its time, he thinks the Café has a future.

Mach said that the Café needs a strong board, good management and community support to overcome what she called two of the key problems of cooperatives—volunteer burnout and lack of capital. Mach said she has helped them put together ideas for the National Cooperative Bank. The Café will need a strong business plan to get the bank’s support.

Herling said that the city, owners and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., need to change the economic equation of the Center. He hoped that in a few years the city is not asking, “How could we let it fail?”

Kastner said that the Café may need to look at reorganizing its financial structure, perhaps with member capital, as was done with the Co-op grocery store. It needs to develop more financial savvy and may need to bring in experts to come up with a plan

that works.

Davis noted that the organization has unsuccessfully tried many things to increase business. While noting that the organization has a great deal of soul, it needs a business plan, needs to train the staff better and needs to consider getting rid of the back room. She noted that the café needs more foot traffic in the Center, which is hard to do with half of the Center vacant.

Economic Future

Question 3: It looks like the U.S. economy is slowing down. If you believe this, how do you think it will affect Greenbelt?

Mach said the city may lose some state and county funding. Council needs to work with national and state organizations to save this funding. And the city needs to look at other sources of income.

Kastner said that with greater focus on sustainability there would be more jobs. Buying local produce would support local farmers and good health.

Roberts noted that as a self-employed businessman, he does see signs of a slowdown but said that the Washington region’s economy is “pretty bulletproof.” The city needs to be economical in how it spends tax dollars and cannot raise taxes every year.

Putens said that every level of government is feeling the pinch and pushing its staffs to do more with less. He was starting to talk about the effect of four referendums since 1993 when time was called.

Herling called for a city marketing director to seek ways to attract more people to the fitness center, the Community Center and other city facilities, thus generating revenue. He also boosted council’s efforts to push developers to develop affordable housing.

Davis noted that there are more “for sale” signs around town and that they are staying up longer. Expenses are going up for citizens and for the city as well. The city must be creative in order to maintain services, she said. The city must also think about its employees, she added, noting council’s support of a living wage, as well as the good health and pension benefits it offers. The city will have to work with its citizens to find ways to keep expenses down, she said.

Ivy said that the city has a lot of great services but must figure out what is important and what to give up. He said that he could not see raising taxes any more. Taxes are killing him, he said, and he knows they are hurting others.

Audience Questions

Doug Love, noting that a homeless person was denied the opportunity to run for council, asked the candidates what they would do to prevent it from happening in the future.

All of the candidates except Kastner responded, essentially, that candidates must follow the rules and that a post office box is not sufficient to establish city residency. Kastner said that while she understood the reason for the rule, she wished that the city could have made an exception for a long-time Greenbelter who had been evicted and was actively appealing that eviction.

Bill Orleans, the disqualified candidate, noted that when he appeared before council, the councilmembers did not suspend the

rules even to give him a “sense of the council” on the issues he had raised.

Putens, Mach, Davis and Roberts noted that while council does sometimes do what Orleans requested, many issues require input from staff or city advisory boards. Herling discussed the need to give the plight of the homeless a higher priority and praised city advisory boards for being more proactive than in the past. Kastner agreed with the need for council to make petitions and requests on a case by case basis but said that she would be willing to give an off-the-cuff assessment, with the understanding that that is all that it is. Ivy said that it is not fair to expect council to act quickly on complex issues.

Jose Morales asked the candidates if they would create a homeless shelter in some of the vacant space in Roosevelt Center.

Ivy agreed “wholeheartedly,” saying that it does not take a lot to turn a homeless person around. Putens noted that the space cited by Morales belongs to someone else, and a space to sleep is not the only issue. The homeless need other services requiring a coordinated, regional effort.

Roberts said that the best approach is to help people not become homeless. Often, just a little bit of help is all that’s required. Mach said that a lot of things have to happen to help the homeless that government cannot do on its own, although the city does have a few small programs to help people from becoming homeless.

Herling said that most existing programs are for men. Beyond temporary shelter, the homeless need programs to deal with issues such as self-esteem and drugs and alcohol. He said that the city could house maybe five people in its basement space in Roosevelt Center, but that the problems are regional. He called for council to be more assertive on this issue.

Kastner said she did try to organize a group to do something about Greenbelt’s homeless, although it did not get far. She suggested looking into options such as setting up a satellite, emergency shelter in the Center.

Davis said that the city needs to find services that the homeless need but noted that this is expensive and requires expertise. The county is providing these services but not to the extent needed. Davis suggested looking into ways the city can help without incurring great expense.

Cameras

John Karich asked if council had asked developers to install cameras. Mach said the plans do not provide specifically for cameras but focus on having people closer to roads and doorways to create more “eyes on the street.” Kastner called cameras a last resort. While they have their place, they also raise privacy issues, she said, and the issue should be put before the citizens.

Roberts said that while there are situations where cameras can help, he is more interested in ensuring adequate public facilities and in building a stable community, where cameras would not be needed. “I’m a believer in people,” he said. If there is a crime, he wants police there. Greenbelt can reduce crime by adding police, social services and recreational facilities.

Putens is an advocate of cameras. While recognizing the privacy issue, he said the cameras would be in public places. He is tired of crime and argued that the city should use all the tools in its toolbox to reduce it.

Herling said that the type of community has a lot to do with crime. Greenbelt should take steps such as improving lighting and use cameras only as a last step.

Davis said that council has not asked developers to install cameras. Most already do, she

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On October 13, 2007, the United States Navy will be celebrating their 232nd Birthday. The American Legion Greenbelt Post 136 thanks all those who are serving or have served on this day and every day. There is unique pride in knowing that your service



and your sacrifice continues to be honored by fellow Americans and Legionnaires around the community with respect and appreciation for your commitment.

Membership in The American Legion

The American Legion is an organization of veterans serving other veterans, their families, and the communities they live in. We are the voice of the veteran in Washington DC fighting for the benefits and rights of all those who served our Country in the Armed Forces. Greenbelt Post #136 would be pleased to have you as a member of this growing, community-based Veterans’ Organization.



If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information please email us at klinkenhoker@verizon.net or our web page www.greenbeltmdpost136.org.

Community Events

Exhibit Brings Striking Visuals of the Cost of War



Combat boots like these tagged with the name and age of Maryland residents lost in the Iraq war will be displayed in front of the Community Center as part of the Maryland Eyes Wide Open Exhibit.

On Sunday, October 21 from 11 a.m. through 6 p.m., there will be a display of 70 pairs of combat boots in front of the Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Road), each tagged with name and age of a Marylander lost in the Iraq war. Nearby will be civilian shoes representing tens of thousands of Iraqis killed since the war began.

This exhibit is part of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) "Eyes Wide Open: The Cost of War" exhibit. The tour of the boots of U.S. servicemen and women began in Chicago in January 2004 and has been displayed in over 60 cities around the country. This one, featuring the cost to Maryland, comes from the

Baltimore AFSC office.

The local event's sponsors are the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, which chose this exhibit as their contribution to Greenbelt's Peace Month, commemorated each October. This traveling display serves to remind viewers of those who have directly suffered the human cost of the war. In addition to this exhibit, there will be a showing of the HBO documentary "The Ghosts of Abu Ghraib," in the Community Center at 4 p.m.

For more information call 301-577-2350 or email justpeacepg@earthlink.net. For more information about the exhibit visit the AFSC website at www.afsc.org/midatlantic/baltimore.

Free Greek Dance Demo on Sunday

The Greek Dance group of Greenbelt will resume their fall dance season by hosting a free open house dance session on Sunday, October 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. In addition to demonstrating dances from various parts of Greece, the group will teach newcomers simple pan-Hellenic dances done at Greek festivals held in the Washington area during late spring and early fall. Those attending are asked to bring a snack or non-alcoholic drink to contribute to the refreshment table.

Greek folk dancing is an excellent way to lose weight and promote physical fitness and is fun. For Greeks to dance is to live and they express joys and sorrows through highly personalized dances.

The Greek Dancers of Greenbelt have held dance classes and social events at the Community Center for the past seven years. In addition to meeting weekly to socialize and learn new dances, members of the group hold parties, attend Greek festivals and visit Greek tavernas in the Washington area where live music is available for dancing.

The new round of dance classes will run for eight weeks and will meet in the dance studio on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. People of all ages and levels of expertise are invited; no partner is required.

Beaverdam Clean Up Saturday Morning

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) is seeking help with its creek clean up to be held this Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to noon, when a group of volunteers will remove trash from the stream and banks.

The main location will be where Beaverdam Creek crosses Edmonston Road but depending on the number of people the group may also clean around the corner to Sunnyside. Trash bags and light gloves will be provided. Volunteers should wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Boots or hip-waders are recommended, if available.

Next Meeting

There will also be a BCWWG regular meeting on Tuesday, October 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of the Greenbelt Elementary School at 66 Ridge Road. The group will discuss the recent stream clean up, water quality assessment, consumer-supported agriculture extension, possible films for the Reel and Meal Deal at the New Deal and what happened at the ICC hearing last Monday. Attend the meeting to help choose focus areas for BCWWG activities.

Saturday Afternoon Master Dance Classes

The Greenbelt Master Dance Studio program at the community center, led by Samantha Fitschen, brings a variety of dance veterans and experienced instructors to Greenbelt. From now until May 10, 2008, there will be a different style of dance offered every Saturday afternoon. A children's class will be offered from 1:30 to 2:45; an adult class will be offered from 3 to 4:15.

The roster includes: an Introduction to Dance series, Jazz, Modern, Ballet, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical Modern, Belly Dance, Isadora Duncan Technique and more. For more information go to www.greenbeltmd.gov/dance or check out the Greenbelt Dance Studio bulletin board.

Share details about your organization's activities. Written notices may be brought to the News Review Office (Suite 100) in the Community Center or emailed to newsreview@greenbelt.com. Copy must be received by 9 p.m. on Tuesday night for publication in the Thursday issue.



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Contest Winner Opens Council Meeting

by Carol A. Griffith

Asahia Hayes, a fifth grader at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES) and county finalist in the “If I Were Mayor” contest, opened the September 24 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council with a resounding rap of the gavel. Accompanied by her mother, Sharon Christmas, and principal of SHLES Linda Sherwood, Asahia read her essay entry for the contest to the full council.

The next order of business was the introduction to council of the new principal of Greenbelt Elementary School, Kim Seidel. Mayor Judith Davis complimented Seidel on the quality of the school’s Patriot Day celebration on September 11.

Petitions to council included resident Chris Schuman’s expression of thanks to the Department of Public Works for its removal of approximately 100 illegal signs posted throughout the city and a request for concrete repairs on the Gardenway underpass near the Sunoco gas station. Davis noted a new state ordinance which increases efforts to find those posting the illegal signs and raises associated fines.

Amendments Adopted

After second reading, an amendment to the city code establishing regulations for the use of dumpsters and portable on-demand storage units was adopted. The issuance of paper occupancy licenses was revived.

Another ordinance amends the motor vehicle and traffic code clarifying storage of inoperative and unlicensed cars and increasing fines for vehicle immobilization (booting) and out-of-state registration.

A Charter amendment was adopted to increase the annual compensation for the incoming mayor and city council to \$12,000 and \$10,000 each, respectively. From 1989 to 2007 there has been no increase in salaries, but funding for the increases was approved in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Councilmember Rodney Roberts cast the only vote against the amendment, explaining that he could not vote for it “with a clear conscience,” saying it felt as if he was voting for a raise for himself.

A city-wide encroachment policy that had been discussed at a council worksession in August was also adopted. The policy is the result of the findings of a 2004 Greenbelt Lake Boundary Survey which found a number of encroachments onto city property by private owners. The adopted policy prohibits encroachments onto city property with the exception of existing landscape improvements that are determined to have an environmental benefit. It establishes new ways for encroachments to be identified and a timetable for their removal. In discussion, council recognized the importance of inform-



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Left to right, Councilmembers Edward Putens, Leta Mach and Mayor Judith Davis; Springhill Lake Principal Linda Sherwood, student Asahia Hayes, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Hayes’ mother Sharon Christmas and Councilmember Konrad Herling.

ing homeowner associations and property owners in the Lakeside community.

New Resolutions

A proposal was made to contract with Brickman Group of Lanham to take over the contract for lawn and landscape maintenance in several areas of the city. This proposal is in response to a notice from the current contractor that it had underbid its current three-year contract and needs a payment increase of more than 50 percent.

A second resolution would permit the negotiation of a contract with Gardiner & Gardiner, Inc., for the construction and renovation of the Public Works facility. Of the four firms who bid on the contract, Gardiner & Gardiner has been most willing to conduct “open book” price negotiations and has met with the city to identify areas where savings could be realized. Through these efforts, the estimated cost of the project has been reduced by approximately \$800,000. This savings may make possible the construction of restrooms in “Buddy” Attick Park.

Stream Restoration

Conceptual plans for the Greenhill/Hillside Road Outfall Stabilization and Stream Restoration Project were presented for council’s approval by Assistant Planning Director Terri Hruby. Identified as the highest priority in the Greenbelt Watershed Assessment Study, this project will correct a failed outfall at the head of the stream, clogged culverts, eroded banks and compromised trees and paths.

The plans involve creating a series of step pools to restore a natural stream path, realigning the current asphalt walking path and constructing a foot bridge. Innovative and natural bioengineering techniques employing native plants are to be used to stabilize the banks and reduce erosion.

The Advisory Planning Board, the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and the GHI Board of Directors have previously approved the concept plans. After some discussion, council also approved the plans. The design firm will proceed with final design and obtaining permits.

Kenilworth Avenue

Council considered the recently published Subregion I Preliminary Master Plan and Map amendment, which involves Greenbelt primarily by its emphasis on widening and extending Kenilworth Avenue to its intersection with the Inter-county Connector (ICC). Staff recommended that council send a letter to the Prince George’s County Planning Board reiterating the city’s opposition to the ICC and Kenilworth Avenue plans and suggesting that the master plan conflicts with the county’s position. Davis added that the letter should be “strongly worded,” include a discussion of the adverse environmental impact and of the impact on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and should be sent also to Congressman Steny Hoyer and Senators Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski.

Questionnaire

The last item for discussion was a draft of the 2007 community questionnaire, which will be circulated around the time of the regular city election to solicit the opinions of residents on city services and other issues affecting the community. Discussion focused on the relative usefulness of the information which may be elicited by certain questions about city services and development.

Patuxent Wildlife Festival October 13

The Annual Patuxent Wildlife Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center between Laurel and Bowie. Admission is free except for tram tours. There will be activities appropriate for all ages.

See live animals up-close, learn about cutting-edge wildlife research, participate in children’s activities, wander the woodlands with a naturalist or explore forest, wetland and meadow habitats on an all-electric tram. There will also be a chance to climb aboard a bus for a behind-the-scenes tour of the normally closed research areas of the U.S. Geological Survey’s Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and take a peek at the endangered whooping cranes being raised at Patuxent for release to the wild.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197, just south of Laurel. For more information call 301-497-5763 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Absentee Ballots Available to all

Registered voters may come to the city offices during office hours until noon on Monday, November 5 to pick up an absentee ballot. Vote right then or take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 6.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with the new electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

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teering, there will be a community outreach volunteer training session on Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover.

For information or to register call Volunteer Coordinator Julie Medlin at 301-499-4500 or email jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

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said. Instead, the city has asked for more police and recreational facilities. The city has suggested that some shopping centers install surveillance cameras but cannot force them to do so.

Ivy said that cameras are cheaper than police but raise privacy issues. He said the city will need to wait for the development to be built and hear from the people who live there as to whether they want cameras.

Crime Deterrence

Andy Carruthers asked the candidates what specific proposals they have to deter robberies.

Davis said that she would need to confer with the police department. If there is a serious problem, she was confident that the police were already thinking of ways to deal with it. She would ask them what are they doing, whether it is effective and what they need to make it more effective.

Mach agreed with Davis’s plan adding that the city should also wait for the report from the Public Safety Forums focusing on Roosevelt Center and the Overpass.

Roberts said he wanted to have the police focus on saturating crime hot spots. Roberts said he has tried to reduce the density of new developments, since the chief has told council that higher populations lead to more calls for service.

Putens said he is seeing a problem where officers are running back and forth in cars. He wants them on the street and he wants to hire retired officers and develop automated methods to generate crime statistics.

Kastner agreed that the city needs to be careful about increasing density. She said the police chief has told her that a remote-controlled gate at the overpass might work, although she called it a last resort. She also advocated seeking assistance from the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Maryland.

Ivy noted that robberies are one of the hardest crimes to solve and also one of the most dangerous. While expressing doubt that there is an answer to the problem, he was open to the ideas expressed by the other candidates.

Herling said the city must look for more comprehensive approaches to reduce crime. He did not think there was empirical evidence that cameras deter crime. The city might need to consider more officers, although this raises budget concerns. And the city must look at the big picture to find ways to address it more effectively.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The New Carrollton area support group of the Prince George’s County chapter of NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) will meet on Monday, October 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton.

This supportive work group prepares the mailing and performs other volunteer tasks while discussing mental health experiences and each other’s challenges and solutions. For more information contact Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

Ruth Kastner for Greenbelt City Council



- Greenbelt resident since the age of 4.
- As co-chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt with Paul Downs, helped lead the successful fight to acquire the last remaining woodlands for which Greenbelt was named. (1987-89)
- President, Boxwood Civic Association.
- At-large Member, Greenbelt Forest Preserve Task Force.
- Past Member, Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee.

We need to restore Greenbelt Lake! If elected, this would be among my highest priorities. One possibility is to form a Greenbelt Lake Citizen Task Force that would assist the current standing committees of PRAB and REAC with needed restoration projects. I’ve heard the legitimate concerns from young people in Greenbelt about the lake and I’m sure they would be happy to help out with this. Together we can restore Greenbelt’s jewel.

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MY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL TERM:

- ✓ Stop the recent rise in crime on both sides of the Parkway overpass. I support surveillance cameras, an emergency call box, and better lighting.
- ✓ Hire retired officers (less costly than regular officers) to help patrol higher-crime areas and offset temporary police staffing vacancies.
- ✓ Place surveillance cameras in other parts of the City to deter and detect crimes.
- ✓ Implement an automated system to record and analyze crime statistics in each part of the City.
- ✓ Keep working to rebuild Springhill Lake, to create a safer neighborhood.

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Family Fun and Fellowship Sparkle at Schrom Park

by Ashley Lewis

The faint sound of Otis Redding’s hit single “Sitting on the Dock of the Bay” filled the air as a cool breeze whipped around the park.

Children wearing giant, colorful balloon hats struggled to keep their heads upright as they darted throughout the park playing with their neighborhood friends. In the distance, children screamed happily as they jumped with their friends in the moon bounce set up in the center of the park.

“Mommy, can you please walk a little faster?” a little girl whined as she dragged her mother across Schrom Hills Park. “I have things to do out here.”

On October 6, Greenbelt celebrated its 70th year with its annual Fall Fest at Schrom Hills Park. This year the Greenbelt Recreation Department joined forces with the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments to host the Fall Fest.

“Oh, yeah, I love the Fall Fest,” said county resident George Fritz as he pushed his son on the swing set. “It’s really small so everyone really knows everyone else. It’s just your basic good, clean family fun.”

This year residents enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon of clowns, games, a moon bounce and inflatables, pumpkin patches, face painting, adopt-a-pets, hayrides and art activities for the entire family. Community groups set

up booths selling delicious fall treats, including apple cider, apple butter, pies and apple slices with caramel.

“It’s been a lot of fun. We just moved here, but it seems like a great place to bring your family for a calm and relaxing day,” said Loretta Phillips.

This year’s Fall Fest featured live music by the band JUST US, featuring Greenbelt’s very own Paula Clinedinst. The adults sang along to some JUST US’s renditions of their favorite hits, including Dusty Springfield’s “Son of a Preacher Man.”

One crowd favorite of the day was the recycling game stations set up in the center of the park.

“I learned a lot about some things that I could recycle. Up to this point, I was only recycling cans but there is so much more than that,” said Wilbert Lewis as he tapped his feet to the music of JUST US. “We have to pay more attention to things like that.”

As parents hummed along with the music while strolling through the pumpkin patch and browsing among the fantastic foods, children stood patiently in long lines to play the carnival games and then to eagerly redeem their tickets for prizes.

Local celebrities, Little Miss Greenbelt, Miss Greenbelt and Junior Miss Greenbelt, all happily volunteered with the Fall Fest, helping out wherever they were needed.



Straw bales softened the wagon ride around Schrom Hills Park on a sunny afternoon.

As the festival began to end, parents continued to linger around the park while watching their children playing with their friends old and new.

“The thing that I really like about this festival is that there is a lot of fellowship out here. It’s a family affair,” said Lewis, as he stretched out his legs on a park bench. “People aren’t out here just to make money. You don’t find too many places like that anymore.”



Face painting is a traditional part of the Fall Fest.



For a buck, youngsters could choose a pumpkin.



At left, a clown makes funny hats with long skinny balloons.



A youngster pounds hard on the Paul Bunyan test-your-strength game.

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Ashley Lewis

The Annual Fall Festival at Schrom Hills Park was hosted by Greenbelt’s Recreation Department, Public Works, Police Department and Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

September 30, 10:49 p.m., 6224 Greenbelt Road, a manager at Popeye's Restaurant reported that a man entered the back room area of the restaurant, produced a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, he attempted to open a register in the front of the store but was unsuccessful. He then fled the scene on a bicycle. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", 130 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, black sweat pants and a black ski mask.

October 1, 8:53 p.m., 121 Centerway, an attendant at the Sunoco Service Center reported that a man entered the station, produced a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money he fled the area on foot. The area was searched with the assistance of a K-9, with negative results. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'7" to 5'9", wearing a black jacket and a black mask.

Drug Arrests

September 30, 9:22 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after he was stopped during a missing person investigation and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

September 30, 9:56 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and disorderly conduct. Police observed him urinating in public. The man was arrested and found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 30, 5:27 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and drinking in public after he was observed drinking a beer at the Center. The suspect was arrested and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

October 1, 9:23 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was located in a residence he previously had been banned from

by agents of the property complex. He was released on citation pending trial.

October 4, 8:08 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed by security officers inside the mall after he had been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

September 29, 12:15 p.m., Spellman Overpass, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the walkway area.

October 2, 1:16 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on a utility door and in the Spellman Overpass area.

Burglaries

September 25, 9:39 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of an unsecured sliding glass door. Among the items taken were a camcorder, a digital camera, several men's watches, a video game player, jewelry and cash.

October 1, 5:23 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the sliding glass door. A watch, television and sports memorabilia were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2007 Cadillac DTS 4-door from the 6500 block Capitol Drive; a black and orange 2007 Suzuki GSXR 100 motorcycle, Maryland tag 2D9887 from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; and a blue 2001 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tag 34695B from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Three vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made. Two recoveries were made by outside departments with one arrest made in one recovery.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8200 block Mandan Court, 7800 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, 9200 and 9300 blocks Edmonston Road and 6200 block Springhill Court.

In addition, on September 29 in the 9300 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that she observed a man break out the windows of a vehicle with a baseball bat. He fled the scene in a vehicle described as a dark colored Acura Legend. The suspect is described as a Latino male, 5'7" with shoulder length black hair, wearing a gray sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Accused Arsonist Charged in SHL Fires

by James Giese

Springhill Lake residents and AIMCO, the apartment project's owner's representatives, breathed a collective sigh of relief upon learning that a Springhill Lake resident has been taken into custody in relation to the extensive string of arson fires that have occurred in the apartment complex. On Wednesday, October 3, at a hastily-called press conference in Springhill Lake, Prince George's County Fire Chief Lawrence H. Sedgwick, Jr., announced that Jeremiah Christopher Jones, 25, of 9168 Edmonston Road had been taken into custody and was being held on federal arson charges. Jones' apartment was also searched. Fire officials report that Jones has been cooperating with officials and is to be charged by federal officials with arson.

The arson suspect was identified following a several month joint investigation by an arson workgroup. Headed by the county Fire/EMS Department Fire Investigations Office, the group included the Greenbelt Police Department, the Maryland State Fire Marshall's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The arson-caused fires began shortly after an occurrence in March of four fires close together that officials believed were caused by problems in the electrical system. Since then as many as 15 fires have taken place believed to have been caused by arson. While no one was injured, residents were forced from their apartments on several occasions. Damage has been estimated at over a million dollars by one fire official.

The workgroup believes that Jones may have been involved in other crimes as well and is continuing that investigation.

The Washington Post in a



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At the microphone, Prince George's County Fire Chief Lawrence H. Sedgwick presents information concerning the apprehension of the suspected arsonist on October 3 in Springhill Lake, thus putting an end to the rash of fires in the apartment complex. Standing behind Chief Sedgwick, from the left, are U.S. Attorney for Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; AIMCO Regional Vice President Susan Ridgeway; Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze; State Fire Marshall Bill Barnard; and Battalion Chief Scott Hoglander, Prince George's County Fire Department, who led the investigation. Each of the men spoke in turn explaining his agency's role in the case – investigation, apprehension and the determination to prosecute fully. The hastily-called press conference to notify the public, especially the apartment residents in the area where the fires had occurred, came as a result of the confidence the investigators felt that the case was solved.

story in its October 4 issue reported that next door neighbor Linda Martin described Jones as a "nice and well-mannered boy." Martin also was interviewed on television.

According to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, Greenbelt police have secured two state warrants for Jones' arrest for burglary in Springhill Lake. He was observed committing the burglaries while he was under surveillance by the arson task force members, Craze said. Those relatively minor charges are expected to take a backseat to the arson felony cases.

Craze also commended Detective Michael Lanier of the Greenbelt department, who was assigned to the task force and played a key role. He coordinated much of the investigation and elicited confessions to scores

of crimes committed by Jones, Craze said.

AIMCO

Susan Ridgeway, Regional Vice President for AIMCO, stated, "During the past several months we were privileged to work closely with the skilled professionals of the Prince George's Fire Department and other local and federal authorities as they conducted their investigation. The support of the departments was instrumental in helping our community work through a very unsettling time. On behalf of our residents and team members who live and work in the Springhill Lake community we are pleased that a suspect has been apprehended. We look forward to the conclusion of these events." She also added that the \$1 million damage estimate is correct.

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Scrounging for Funds, City Ready to Start New Facility

by Barbara Hopkins

The new, energy-efficient building for the Greenbelt Public Works Department, approved in 2002, is approaching actual construction. Some design changes have been made to bring budget projections more into line with current costs. A resolution to contract for construction is expected to be on the agenda of council’s September 25 regular meeting.

Recently city staff have worked with the general contracting firm Gardiner & Gardiner of Crofton to move toward construction of the facility. At a worksession on Monday, September 17 City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he was pleased with the “open book” process this firm has engaged in so far by sharing information openly with city staff.

Director of Public Works Ken Hall and Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze also attended the worksession. All councilmembers except Konrad Herling were present.

Cost Overruns

Gardiner & Gardiner researched at least three prices for each component of the project and determined that the cost to build the facility, as currently designed, is nearly \$5 million. Money allocated for this project in the 2001 Bond Fund amounts to about \$2.5 million, leaving a considerable shortfall in funding, McLaughlin told councilmembers in a recent memo. At the worksession, he reviewed various ways staff has proposed to bring costs down. He also suggested additional revenues that might be used for the building.

Knowing that Greenbelt’s City Council and citizens are interested in the “green,” that is, energy-conserving aspects of the project, staff hoped to cut components that did not sacrifice that part of the design nor the overall quality of the facility. Several councilmembers spoke in support of providing the Public Works staff with a building that will serve their needs and support their mission.

Cost Savings

The most money would be saved, McLaughlin said, by eliminating what is known as Building #3, which was proposed as a carpenter shop in a new addition to an existing storage building. This deletion would save an estimated \$300,000. Hall indicated that a carpentry area could be set up by city staff in an existing building.

McLaughlin called Building #3 “nice-to-have” but not mandatory. Most savings would come from elimination of the plumbing and other infrastructure, rather than from scrapping the building itself, Hall said.

Using recycled asphalt instead of new product on the rear yard surface adds another “green” element to the design, saving around \$100,000. A change to the vehicle wash system would save \$90,000.

Savings of smaller amounts that add up to an estimated \$168,000 could be achieved mostly by having city staff accomplish some of the work in-house.

Councilmembers objected to the change from eco-pavers, which reduce water run-off, to regular concrete in one area of the yard because of the increase in impervious surface and because the savings would amount to only \$19,000. Mayor Judith Davis

said she was aware of some type of new permeable concrete. She requested this be researched and considered.

The suggestion to use \$500,000 of 2001 Bond Funds designated for renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre met with disapproval from council. Councilmember Edward Putens said that voters approved the money for the theater and that it therefore should be used for its original purpose.

Along with even smaller savings, these cuts and changes totaled \$932,284, bringing the cost of the new facility down to around \$4 million.

Additional Revenues

McLaughlin outlined funding options for council to consider. Besides the \$2.5 million from the 2001 Bond Fund, he said the General Fund has a balance higher than estimated for Fiscal Year 2007 and could supply \$200,000 of the amount needed. Lower costs to construct the restrooms at “Buddy” Attick Park could supply another \$35,000.

McLaughlin suggested using \$93,000 from the Building Capital Reserve fund, which he called a savings account for future building maintenance. Fiscal Year 2009 Fund Transfers from the Capital Projects Fund, the Building Capital Reserve Fund and the Replacement Fund could contribute another \$375,000, McLaughlin said.

Or, he suggested, council could take out short-term financing of about \$1 million. This, he said, would cost about \$130,000 in interest per year at a five percent interest rate. As part of the 2009 election, he continued, the then-current council could ask citizens to approve \$2 or \$3 million in debt to pay the extra cost for the facility along with the dredging of Greenbelt Lake and new police radios. The latter two items had

already been noted in the Fiscal Year 2008 budget as requiring some type of long-term debt. Combined cost of both projects has been estimated at \$1 million.

Moving Forward

In the interest of moving the project forward, council asked

McLaughlin to bring a resolution to the next regular council meeting on September 25 for contracting with Gardiner & Gardiner to build the facility with a budget not to exceed \$4.5 million. Calling the project more fluid than most capital projects, McLaughlin said that,

as the project moves along, he anticipates additional opportunities to save money without sacrificing quality. Councilmember Rodney Roberts also requested more information about the funding for the project.

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- **Leta** believes in excellent pay and benefits for all city employees. She pushed the city to establish a Living Wage policy.
- **Leta** is committed to preserving our greenbelt. She served on the steering committee to establish an Alliance that advocates for the USDA Agricultural Research Center.
- **Leta** works to improve the environment as a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Air Quality Committee and Clean Air Partners.
- **Leta** is committed to public safety improvements including cameras, call boxes and traffic calming. She has been calling for the light at Frankfort and Greenbelt Roads since she was ERHS PTSA president in 1992.
- **Leta** is carefully monitoring development in Greenbelt West to ensure quality and appropriate school facilities for Greenbelt’s youth.

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issues and concerns need to be considered with that in mind.

On the other hand, residents of Greenbelt West are under-represented on the city's boards and committees. Currently, only three people from Greenbelt West serve on a city board. Fortunately, two of these serve on the Advisory Planning Board (APB). This committee has provided Council with several reports on proposals for development in Greenbelt West. The input of these Springhill Lake residents is very helpful to APB and ultimately to Council as we weigh potential redevelopment there.

More representation from Greenbelt West on our board and committees would be good. One thing that hinders this is the high turnover – reportedly 50% each year – in the apartments of Springhill Lake. However, we may not be reaching out appropriately. Notices of vacancies are placed in the News Review and on the city web site. Unfortunately, the News Review has a spotty record of delivery in Springhill Lake.

Nevertheless, these residents are interested in their community as is evidenced by successful elementary school programs for them. To reach out, we should work with the elementary school. We should ask Springhill Lake apartments to put information about the city of Greenbelt and its programs on its web site and in other information it distributes.

Konrad Herling

In its early years, residents of Springhill Lake and the City were more closely linked. The new residents became active in city politics to address basic needs: a recreation center within the community, and a paved road – Cherrywood Lane was originally a dirt road. These needs, among others, prompted SHL to elect two representatives to the City Council: Bob McGee and Gil Weidenfeld.

When I lived there in 1979-1984, Springhill Lake had a teen club, a weekly dance, and a civic association (I served as Vice President). However, the link with the balance of the City has diminished.

More recent property managers of Springhill Lake have not performed up to expectations; buildings and grounds have deteriorated and high turnover has resulted. Delivery of the Greenbelt News Review has been inconsistent. These factors limit community-building which would engage SHL families to more actively participate in city programs.

Forty-two percent of Springhill Lake's residents are Hispanic. I helped create the International Cultural Festival to provide more opportunities to showcase this culture as well as other ethnic communities. The effort is a volunteer one at this point; the City should provide assistance

in making this outreach program more successful.

The City should do more to reach out to residents of Springhill Lake regarding plans for their future, and apply for another grant through the American Institute of Architects for a charrette specifically for this part of town, incorporating Springhill Lake, Metroland, and Beltway Plaza, as the citizens' vision for all of the western portion of Greenbelt. Once again adequate recreation facilities, schools and roads are an issue and those most affected should have a say. By providing an inclusive version of the future Greenbelt to the County and State planners, we proactively move this process forward in the right direction.

Kelly Ivy

Yes, I think we should have one representative from Greenbelt East, one representative from Greenbelt West, one representative from Center City and two at large.

Judith Davis

Yes, definitely, as Greenbelt West residents are taxpaying Greenbelt citizens with the same, and greater, concerns and service needs. Their diversity is an asset to our community, but this also presents challenges. Many residents are transient. They may be unaware they are in a municipality and, therefore, do not participate in City activities. There is a lack of adequate transportation and communication. Only in recent years have they had access to the City's cable channels. News Review distribution is spotty at best.

Past Councils have been very aware of Greenbelt West's underrepresentation, which is why the integration of Greenbelt West was incorporated into one of the goals Council set in 2002. The City reaches out to our Greenbelt West population in many ways. The Recreation Department has publicized City events at its Springhill Lake Recreation Center and through area schools. The Public Safety Advisory Committee has held citizen forums. Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Middle schools are included in the Advisory Committee on Education's activities and events. CARES has offered Strengthening Families workshops and many other services.

More can be done. AIMCO, the current management of Springhill Lake Apartments, must become an active partner in improving communication between the City and its Greenbelt West citizens. Language barriers can be addressed by continuing to hire bilingual employees, where needed, and encouraging others to become more fluent in Spanish.

A specialty stipend would provide an incentive for this. Plans for future development/redevelopment must provide intracity transportation and include areas for community interaction, such as large tracts of greenspace, recreation fields, plazas, and community centers.

Communication, civic participation and adequate transportation are all key to more Greenbelt West residents becoming active on City boards and committees, which often leads to seeking a position on the City Council itself.

Ruth Kastner

To invite more participation, we could schedule some City Council workshops in Springhill Lake (SHL) and/or set up an informational booth in Beltway Plaza. We could explore ways to create a cultural center in SHL. We also need to ensure that code enforcement is aggressively and consistently pursued, so that SHL residents have the safe and attractive neighborhood they are entitled to as Greenbelt residents. This includes seeing to it that their schools are immediately brought up to an appropriate level of quality.

According to city staff, Greenbelt does not have nearly enough building inspectors to inspect all of SHL at once, so we have to rely on residents' reports of code violations. But violations are not always evident to the untrained eye. Building inspection is a vital city function that will need to be fully funded in the Greenbelt Station development so that we can keep those buildings up to code.

The lack of involvement of current Greenbelt West residents in city governance noted in this question raises a concern about the well-being of future Greenbelt West residents entering the city under the Greenbelt Station annexation. Arguments in favor of the annexation cited revenue to the City from the property taxes of these new residents (though a portion of that revenue will go towards debt service for an \$8.4 million City-funded road through the development). The contemplated growth of a community should be based primarily on the well-being of the present community and of its prospective new members, not on how much tax revenue they can bring in. Our foremost obligation to the incoming Greenbelt West residents is to give them an appropriate level of services, protections and ample opportunities for civic involvement."

Rodney Roberts

Yes, we should admit the inherent instability of a huge monoculture of apartments. Fifty percent of Springhill Lake resi-

dents move every year. It seems to me, that people are much more likely to be active in the community when they have roots there. Although the addition of 2,000 town homes in Greenbelt Station will provide an opportunity for home ownership, the Springhill Lake redevelopment plans approved by City Council repeats past mistakes. That is, too much density, (from nearly 3,000 units to 6,000 units) inadequate schools, (the existing elementary school turned into a storm water pond with no replacement site), little opportunity for home ownership (70 % apartments, 30 % for sale), inadequate recreation and open space. Instead of being modeled on the known failure of increased urbanization; I believe the new Greenbelt West should be modeled on the known success of our original Greenbelt Plan.

Edward Putens

The City charter mandates that Council candidates run at-large. The assumption is that Council members represent the entire city, not just one part of it. This rule has served us well since our founding. Therefore, I am as much a representative of Springhill Lake, or GHI, as for Greenbelt East where I live.

I have in fact taken a special interest in Greenbelt West. For example, I was the first to urge that the aging and crime-ridden SHL be replaced. We have approached agreement on this without a final solution, and I still hope the owner will make necessary compromises to make that possible. I was also instrumental along with Mayor Davis in persuading the State to buy 75 acres within the Metroland development area to facilitate environmental cleanup and preserve green space.

Greenbelt West has fewer people on boards and committees because it has fewer long-term residents. It is unrealistic to expect many renters to join city organizations. Still, there are some SHL residents on committees, and I have encouraged this. Some previous residents of SHL have served on the Council, including me. New SHL and Metroland development will bring more owner-occupied housing, so more long-term residents and more participants in City activities. It would be difficult for an SHL Council candidate to succeed because so few SHL residents vote in City elections. There are thousands of residents in SHL. Only 62 of them voted in the last City election.

I believe more SHL residents would vote and participate on City boards and civic organizations if they received more information about City affairs. The News Review delivers its papers to SHL, but they are not distributed to all the buildings. It would help if there was a way to solve this dilemma.

Seasonal Events In Southern Maryland

October is "Trails Month" in Southern Maryland, celebrating the farms, arts and hospitality of the area with special demonstrations, exhibits and more.

"Southern Maryland Trails – Earth, Art and Imagination," a comprehensive guide, featuring four scenic trails through Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties can be accessed at www.somdtrails.com. The trails effort is a program of the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission (SMADC) aimed at supporting the local rural economy and raising awareness of the richness and diversity of the region.

In November, SMADC will release the "Farms for the Holidays 2007," a mini-guide showcasing farm products, Christmas trees and special events available during the holiday season. Additionally, many sites will host special events on the first weekend of December.

The "Farms for the Holidays 2007" brochure can be found on www.somarylandsogood.com.

To find out more call the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission at 301-274-1922.

Visitor Center Repair To Begin October 15

Starting this month and continuing until possibly January or February the National Wildlife Visitor Center will undergo repairs to the roof and the heating/ventilation system. Brad Knudsen, manager of Patuxent Research Refuge, says repairs have been needed for some time and now that federal funding for the work has been obtained, asks for patience from the public as the work is underway.

Roof repairs should not significantly affect visitors although they are reminded not to enter construction areas. Repairs to the ventilation system, slated to begin October 15, may cause noise, dust, some temperature fluctuation and possibly temporary closing of the visitor center. Normal refuge activities will continue unless posted otherwise. If cancellation of planned programs is necessary, staff will notify registered participants. Refuge visitors may also call (301-497-5763) or check the website (<http://patuxent.fws.gov>) for construction updates.

The refuge grounds and trails will remain open during construction and tram tours will be conducted on regular weekend and reserved schedules through November 4, the end of the tram season.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off of Powder Mill Road between Maryland Route 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, south of Laurel.

Camera Club Meets Mondays in Bowie

The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. every Monday at All Saints Church, 16510 Mt. Oak Road in Bowie. The next meeting, on Monday, October 15, will feature a talk by Jim Sherwood on collecting photography, followed by discussion.

Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information call 301-604-7772, email membership@b-ccc.org or visit the website at www.b-ccc.org.

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The Utopia Film Festival Celebrates a Quirky City

by Susan Gervasi, Publicity Chair

A Vatican-challenging Prince George’s County nun, the rise and fall of a capitalistic hippie commune, champion skateboarders who turn to crime and an aging Goth in love with all-things-morbid are among the subjects of more than 40 independent films to be screened Saturday, October 27 through Sunday, October 28 at Greenbelt’s Utopia Film Festival 2007.

“There’s really something for everybody,” said Utopia Programming Chair Erica Ginsberg, a Greenbelt-based filmmaker. “Films about artists and activists. A film in Spanish. And a special late-night Halloween shorts program.”

Besides documentaries, features, animation, music videos and experimental works, Utopia will include “Docs in Progress,” a workshop in which audience members critique unfinished cinematic works with their makers. “The Utopia Film Festival takes its name from Greenbelt’s idealistic utopian origins as a New Deal planned community,” said Utopia 2007 Executive Director Chris Haley, a professional actor, musician, filmmaker and nephew of “Roots” author Alex Haley. “So each year we strive for the same spirit in our film festival. And some of our best films this year look at other kinds of utopian community experiments.”

These include “Free Spirits: The Birth, Life & Loss of a New Age Dream,” which explores the

charismatic leader of a failed hippie commune and “Komsomolsk mon Amour,” about an eerie Russian city built around the same time as Greenbelt. “Subdivided” documents a small Texas neighborhood fighting an influx of cookie-cutter McMansions.

“We’ll be showing the kind of films you’d expect in a city like Greenbelt,” said Ginsberg, “movies that reflect utopian visions of community and celebrate independent thinkers.” One such independent thinker is the subject of “In Good Conscience,” about Prince George’s County nun Jeanine Gramick who challenges the Vatican by ministering to gays and lesbians. Gramick will co-lead a post-screening Q&A.

Another program, “Labor Heroines,” explores union organizing past and present, with “Mother Jones: America’s Most Dangerous Woman,” a biography of Mary “Mother Jones” Harris and “Made in L.A.,” about Latinos in the Los Angeles garment industry.

Screenings take place at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Beltway Plaza Mall’s Academy Stadium Theatre, Greenbelt Community Center and Greenbelt Municipal Building. Tickets will be sold at each venue for each program or filmgoers can purchase a ticket good for all events at the theatre ticket window in Roosevelt Center between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Visit the website at www.utopiafilmfestival.org for more information.

Upcoming Musical Events At the New Deal Café

by Bill Muney

On Saturday October 13 at 8 p.m. Alicia Deeny and Jay Weaver will perform American and Latin music. Deeny is originally from Puerto Rico and some of her music has a Puerto Rican influence.

Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m. “Chapter 3,” a trio of songwriters including Michelle Murray, Rick Callender and Andrew Coupe, is scheduled to perform.

Friday, October 19 at 8 p.m. “95 Bluesberry Way” will play and sing blues, Russian rock-and roll and jazz. They are a local high-energy group (the “95” stands for I-95 between Washington and Baltimore).

Saturday, October 20 at 8 p.m. “Gina DeSimone & the Moaners” will play blues, swing and acoustic groove. This group is a New Deal favorite, sometimes with a surprise.

Thursday, October 25 at 7 p.m., don’t miss the “Songwriters Association of Washington” Open Microphone night at the New Deal Café, hosted by Julie Kehrli and Keith Thorne. This

is a popular event that attracts lots of talented musicians seeking to showcase their original material before an appreciative audience. Sign up for a slot in advance by emailing Kehrli and Thorne at kthorne11@cox.net and enjoy 15 minutes of fame. Joining Kehrli and Thorne this month are C.E.R.O., Opal Rose, Mike Hummel, Richard McMullin, folk rockers Jumpdacroc (from the Fall Harvest Arts and Music Festival), Alex Kim and Kenny Wesley.

On Friday, October 26 the New Deal Café will host the Utopia Film Festival reception at 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 27 at 8 p.m. “The Gliders” will perform old favorites from the 60s to the present. This trio is always a good show for dancing if there is room.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit the café webpage at www.newdealcafe.com, to see what the New Deal Café has to offer.



Shortly after 3:30 a.m. on Friday, October 5 firefighters from the Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and West Lanham Hills fire departments were called to Greenway Center for a motor vehicle accident with wires down and fire. There had been a two-vehicle accident involving a garbage truck and a car, with the driver of the garbage truck trapped. Members of Berwyn Heights Rescue Squad 14 were able to free the driver within 10 minutes. He was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Greenbelt police report a drunk driver was going the wrong way on Greenbelt Road as the trash truck approached. When the truck swerved to avoid a head-on collision, it crossed the median and hit a utility pole. The driver of the car was also transported to a local hospital suffering minor injuries. Repairs to the damaged utility poles took all day Friday, creating traffic problems on Greenbelt Road and in Greenway Center.



At least nine people were injured in a late-night crash on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway just after 11 p.m. Monday night. Firefighters and paramedics from the Greenbelt, Beltsville, Laurel and Prince George’s County Fire/EMS departments were sent to the southbound lanes of the Parkway near Greenbelt Road to an accident with an overturned vehicle and people trapped. Arriving units found a three-vehicle accident involving two cars and a van with several injuries. Most of the injured passengers were elderly. Five ambulances were brought to the scene to transport the injured. All injuries were non-life-threatening. The cause of the accident is under investigation by U.S Park Police.

– photos by Jim Davis

New City Laws in Force to Address PODs, Dumpsters and Parking

New code requirements regarding dumpsters, portable on demand (POD) storage devices and parking have been approved by the Greenbelt City Council and went into effect on October 4. These regulations cover the use and maintenance of dumpsters, use and location of PODs and parking unregistered or inoperable vehicles within the city. The new code requirements are in Chapters 4 and 11 of the Greenbelt City Code.

PODs are regulated through the Prince George’s County Zoning Ordinance. The new city regulations tie the regulations of the zoning ordinance to the city code and also specify that PODs may not be located on public property or on a public right-of-way.

Parking

The newly-enacted code provisions will give the city additional tools to address problems

with used car sales not being conducted from a vehicle sales business. Since many of the cars being sold are not registered, the code now allows city enforcement personnel to “boot” and ticket those vehicle. It is hoped that the additional fines, fees and inconvenience associated with the new penalties will discourage the continued sale of used vehicles unless it is through a properly licensed and zoned used car sales business.

Dumpsters

New language strengthens regulations requiring that dumpsters be emptied and deodorized with sufficient frequency to avoid overflow of trash and garbage and the development of offensive, malodorous smells. The city code will also make the dumpster user responsible for keeping the grounds surrounding the dumpster

free from trash and debris. Finally, dumpsters which are visible to residential areas will have to be screened.

Smith Center Presents Jazz Duo

The Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts hosts a free presentation by the Scott Robinson/Jules Thayer Duo on Tuesday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. Jazz instrumentalist Scott Robinson and bassist Jules Thayer, Ph.D., have been involved in a number of projects, including multimedia collaborations with sculptor Rob Fisher, drummer Pheeroan akLaff and the Pennsylvania Dance Theater, among others. In addition to performing at jazz festivals and clubs, they study the psychological link between music and emotion.



A Review

Charrette Stimulates New Ideas, Memories

by James Giese

Wow! What a weekend! What a charrette!

For those who have an interest in historic Greenbelt, whether it be as a great place to live or an historic planning landmark or a significant architectural aggregation of buildings or as a place that could be an example of environmentally sound utilization of the world’s resources or as a place for students interested in learning how to make the world a better place in which to live, the Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charrette offered an opportunity to learn, let your imagination work, express your views and contribute toward ideas for the future.

The large multipurpose room at Greenbelt Elementary School was well filled over the weekend with residents of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., other Greenbelt residents, local politicians, architects from the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and students and faculty members from the University of Maryland School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. Over 400 people altogether, I am told.

Those present gathered at one end for general plenary sessions to hear presentations on various subjects relevant to the charrette and spread out later into the rest of the large room in four groups and then subgroups to hold roundtable discussions and scenario planning sessions on the greener future for four areas of the community – the GHI units, courts and grounds; the Roosevelt Center area; historic Greenbelt and greater Greenbelt and the region.

The Venue

While large enough, the school multipurpose room was not an ideal location for the charrette. I was disappointed that the venue was not the Community Center, the most important historic building in Greenbelt. However, the glass block windows in the school gave a bit of the same ambience.

The room had poor acoustics compounded by having many different activities and conversations going on at once. Placing the speakers for the plenary sessions in a windowed corner also made it difficult to see them because of strong backlighting from the windows.

I was pleased to see so many people turn out, particularly so many Greenbelters. It was also an honor to the city for so many outsiders to give up a beautiful weekend to think about our city. I was disappointed that there was not greater attendance by GHI and city staff. I feel that they too could have learned and benefited from the exercise.

With the help of many others, two dynamic individuals facilitated the charrette with the help of many others – GHI resident Jim Cohen of the Maryland School of Architecture and Carl Elefante, a principal at Quinn Evans, architects who specialize in historic preservation and sustainable design.

A Beginning

Elefante told the group that the charrette was the beginning of things. It could be 10 years or more before changes could be accomplished. Greenbelt has evolved over its 70-year history



A large group of GHI members participate in the roundtable discussion of energy alternatives and design possibilities for dwellings, buildings and grounds.

and would continue to change.

“You will see stuff that will shock you. If you don’t, we have failed,” Elefante continued. He termed this effort “the broadening” and said that the “narrowing” would be done later. “If you can’t imagine first, where will you be able to go.”

Roosevelt Center

At the end of the meeting, the four groups reported on their activities. The best presentation and the most thought provoking, even “shocking,” was done by Brian Kelly, a Maryland professor and facilitator for the Roosevelt Center group. Kelly said that the Center needed to be “right-sized,” not too big or too small. At present, it was not big enough to sustain economic viability.

His group advocated a wide variety of modifications, including larger and taller buildings behind the two original buildings on either side of the mall. It was noted that only three buildings in the commercial area plus the Community Center were historic. The remaining buildings had been constructed in subsequent years.

New suggested uses ranged from a farmers market to senior or other residential housing. The city could encourage such changes through tax incentives, financial assistance and making available some of its land.

The group recommended covering up the parking lots with either buildings or green space. When Green Ridge House was being planned many years ago, one site proposed was behind Roosevelt Center over the parking lot. It was considered the best location for the facility from a senior resident’s point of view because of its convenience to shopping and public facilities. However, residents and the city council at that time did not support that idea, in part because enclosing the parking lot would be too costly.

One idea proposed at the charrette was to put the city offices above a new Co-op store, freeing the Municipal Building site for some other activity. I doubt that the team members were aware that the city offices were once on the second floor of an original Roosevelt Center building.

Growth Needed

I, too, think Roosevelt Center would benefit from some added residential or commercial space appropriately designed. It would not contradict the original plan, which contemplated future expansion. Probably the change most likely to occur would be enlargement or replacement of either the Co-op or medical center

buildings.

Covering the back parking lot with a not-too-tall building and a plaza might be possible some day and could strengthen the Center’s viability. However, while putting the parking lots under ground or under new buildings would certainly improve the Center’s appearance, doing so would be very expensive. To get private money to do it would require permitting construction of large building structures, something that could be incompatible with “right-sizing” the Center.

I heard a number of comments questioning this group’s proposals. While agreeing that the present Center has too much gray, the feeling was that adding more buildings to it would not contribute anything toward greening it.

Proposals were also made to strengthen the path system through the Center. This was also proposed in the 1982 charrette but not accomplished. Given the existing layout of the Center and the conflicting needs for space, it is something that is a lot easier said than done.

The idea for an outdoor amphitheater behind the Mother and Child statue also is not new. With a view of a parking lot as background and the preference to have the Labor Day Festival in the west parking lot, implementation has never been seriously considered.

GHI

The GHI buildings and grounds group, led by former AIA president Mike Poness, made three excellent summary recommendations: Improve energy performance of dwelling units, develop a pattern book of designs and develop recommendations to maintain and improve open space. These are key needs for the housing cooperative.

Related to this, in my opinion, but not clearly stated, is the need to define the meaning of historic preservation in original Greenbelt and its limitations on building modifications.

I have consistently advocated that Greenbelt was planned to be a viable community. It needs to be able to change with the times. It should not be preserved exactly as it was in 1937.

At the same time, the Greenbelt concept is significantly historic and these planning and architectural features need to be preserved. Greenbelt must adapt to the times but still hold onto its special character and appearance. The GHI board

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Greenbelt Charrette –

Becoming a Tradition

by Virginia Beauchamp

I well remember the first charrette I attended. The memory is so vivid I couldn’t believe how difficult it was to look it up in files of old copies of the News Review. Finally I found it in a full-page ad from the city concerning the 48th celebration of Greenbelt Day – for the first weekend of June 1985.

The ad spelled out all activities of the weekend and a little over one line went to the charrette as “A special feature . . . to be held throughout the weekend for the revitalization of the Roosevelt Mall.” Then under the schedule, there it was at 9:30 a.m. “in the Center School. Professionals and team members will go to the drawing boards.”

The concept, first suggested as a Greenbelt venture by Konrad Herling, was so new that we at the paper could not even settle on how to spell the word. Front page headlines on April 18 and May 9 referred to planning for the “Charette” but by May 23 and June 6 we had doubled the letter “r. The term comes from an ancient tradition in France where students of architecture, working to a last-minute deadline, had to place their examination drawings on a small cart – or charrette – that traveled among them to collect their papers.

Participation in the Greenbelt charrette was of course voluntary. I seem to remember three groups of folks, each headed by a working architect, who gathered around separate tables to brainstorm on how to improve the Center.

At that time all the Center buildings showed their age. Far from the unified look of a single choice of paint, the structures showed chips and stains and various color schemes. The paving in the mall between the structures was broken in places and the pear trees planted there were overgrown and some even dangerous, with limbs sometimes breaking off without warning. One tree, as I remember, had had to be taken out.

Judging

A distinguished panel of judges had been invited to evaluate the products of the weekend’s work. Heading the group was Joseph Passoneau, former dean of the School of Architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. Other judges were the late Wolf Von Eckardt, Washington Post architectural critic; Mark La Pierre, a Washington landscape architect; three Greenbelters – City Manager James Giese, Director of Planning Jack Downs of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and local landscape architect Joanne Volk. In addition, the owner of the buildings in the Center – George Christacos – was a panel member.

In the end, they weaseled out. There would be no first prize, they said. They stressed how the Center, designed for pedestrians, had been overtaken by the need to provide parking space for cars. And there needed to be space for cultural events, such as festivals. A restaurant in the structure then used for a dry cleaner would add life to the area, they thought.

But Passoneau summed up the experience as “marvelous.” As a

teacher of architecture for years, he had taught about Greenbelt. But he had never seen the place. Everyone who worked on the charrette, he said in summary, “was a winner.”

From that impetus came the redevelopment of Roosevelt mall. All the buildings got new, uniform paint. New pavement was placed in the mall, with space for tables and umbrellas. London plane trees replaced the overgrown and damaged sycamores along Centerway. The orientation of islands in the west parking area was changed and the crape myrtles were planted.

These changes did not happen all at once but the charrette experience was the catalyst that brought them about.

Second Charrette

Then two years ago AIMCO, owners of Springhill Lake, invited some members of the community to participate in another charrette in a hotel in Calverton. Several important planners had been working through the morning, and perhaps for a day or two, to come up with concepts to redevelop Springhill Lake. Our participation was only as lunchtime audience to hear and react to the various concepts being presented by the professional teams.

Nevertheless, the experience was heady. It’s fun to fantasize about future possibilities and design concepts that might be put in place. And of course we were invited to react and to offer our own ideas.

Some of those ideas, perhaps, survived to be presented in worksessions with the city’s Planning Department and the Greenbelt City Council. But as of this writing, nothing in the way of razing the existing structures and rebuilding at Springhill Lake has yet occurred.

Third Charrette

The third charrette, that took place during the weekend of September 28 to 30, was far and away the most complex and comprehensive. An impressive number of Greenbelt citizens, University of Maryland faculty and students and architectural and planning specialists from the American Institute of Architects gathered in the multipurpose room at Greenbelt Elementary School for what was called the Greener Greenbelt Charrette. Co-sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the AIA, the Department of Architecture, Planning & Preservation of the University and GHI, it was the culmination of many months of work.

Not only did it focus on GHI, however, the largest and oldest section of the city but one group examined the entire region of which Greenbelt is a part and another looked at the commercial center, the focus of the first charrette. This was deemed important, as one of the leaders said, “since the Center’s infrastructure is beginning to fail.”

Every one of the professionals, however, raved about the quality of the original town plan – the layout of the super blocks and the design of pedestrian movement throughout the town. They saw renewing the town as a significant contribution to suburban life.

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and membership and the Greenbelt City Council and staff have failed to adequately deal with this difficult but important matter.

Elefante put forth some interesting thoughts on historic preservation and its need to be adaptive. It would be a step in the right direction if the city and GHI, with professional advice, pursued the defining of what historic preservation means for Greenbelt. Limitations need to be imposed on modifying the historic community so that the planned community concept is preserved.

It is also important that GHI residents understand how they may modify their homes and be assured that, as much as they may be limited in what they do, others will be limited as well. Residents also need to be assured that changes will not be made that adversely change the character of their individual neighborhoods.

More Roads

Another idea put forth at the charrette was the need for connector roads to join the segments of the community. These roads would enable Greenbelt motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians to get from one part of the city to another without using the major highways that divide and run through the city. That is not a new idea.

In the 1960s, city officials and residents were concerned about this problem. At that time they were also concerned about the impact upon existing roads that would be caused by building a proposed three-school complex, plus residential development, east of GHI and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The proposed solution was a planned road, called the perimeter road, that would have bypassed GHI but be connected to roads in Greenbelt Center. The perimeter road would also have joined Greenbelt Center with Greenbelt East (Mandan Road) and Greenbelt West (Cherrywood

Lane).

That road, which some planners had proposed to be multi-laned, drew the strong objections of many Greenbelt residents. When the Prince George's County Board of Education dropped its efforts to build the three-school complex and the city acquired the private land east of GHI, now designated a forest preserve, the perimeter road was removed from city master plans.

Is it possible that the new connector road proposals will be seriously considered? I doubt that today's residents are any more open to such ideas than those of the past.

This charrette's purpose was to cause Greenbelters to think about how the city could be changed to make it better. It was never expected that all ideas would be accepted or become realized. However, if it causes GHI and Greenbelt residents to give thought to change for the better and to work to effectuate that change, then the charrette will have achieved its goal.

Sunday Bird Count At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge will host a "Big Sit!" bird count at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Sunday, October 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard from a 17-foot diameter circle. Participants will identify birds, use field guides and join bird related discussions and children's activities. Those attending are encouraged to bring binoculars (some loaners will be available) and may also want to bring folding chairs, insect repellent and sun screen.

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Merchants Make a Pitch to Shop Local

by Dorrie Bates

The Roosevelt Center Merchants Association (RCMA) is launching a “Shop Local” campaign to support neighborhood businesses and promote the idea of shopping where you live. Throughout the year, local merchants will be offering special opportunities to their customers who frequent Roosevelt Center or become members of the organizations found there.

RCMA President Kim Kash of Greenbelt Om underscored the fact that a thriving Roosevelt Center benefits the community as well as the merchants located there. “We’re excited that people are really starting to recognize the power that we have as residents to create a thriving town center The merchants hope this new program reminds people to shop local first and keep more dollars here in our community.”

Both businesses and communities benefit in many ways when residents shop locally. Of

course, local merchants benefit by seeing their businesses succeed and stay healthy. But consumers also benefit by having a neighborhood source of goods and services. Unlike “big box” stores run by corporate offices, local merchants know the community they’re in and can respond to the particular needs of that community.

According to Casey Wilson, a consultant with the Maryland Small Business Development Center, 65 cents of every dollar spent locally stays in the community. That’s quite different from what an Austin, Texas, firm found out when they did an economic study: only 8 cents of every dollar spent in a large chain store stayed in the immediate area.

That’s not all – by spending money locally, residents indirectly help employ local people. Small neighborhood-based businesses look to the local area to find the workers they need. “Almost all of our employees live in the immediate area,” says Bob

Davis, manager of the Greenbelt Co-op.

Shopping locally can also help the environment, literally and figuratively. “Think of the gas saved over the course of a year by going one mile to pick up your groceries rather than 10,” said one resident concerned about her carbon footprint. Furthermore, one can walk to the Center for that emergency bottle of milk or a leisurely lunch with friends.

In sum, Roosevelt Center offers a one-stop shopping experience which includes everything from take-out to entertainment, a doctor’s visit to a yoga class. Those who live near can shop here – and everybody wins.

Dorrie Bates wears her own personal hat in writing the above story, she told the News Review, not her hat as president of the Co-op board of directors nor her hat as Co-op’s representative to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association.



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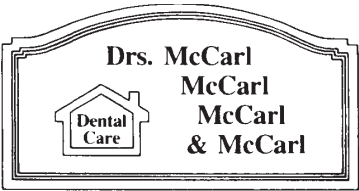
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